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THE WAR

Two-thirds of summer has gone. In half a dozen weeks frost will fall in northern Europe, and unless peace is made in three months from now the armies will settle down for the hardships of a winter campaign.

Teuton success is at high tide. The Germans hold a tenth of France and nineteen-twentieths of Belgium, half of Russia's Baltic provinces and two-thirds of Russian Poland. On the other hand, France holds a few square miles of Alsace, Russia a few hundred miles of Galicia and Italy perhaps as much of Carniola and Tyrol. At the Dardanelles, the allies hold as much ground as they can sweep with their guns.

The Germans have done mighty work this summer. In the west they held the allies helplessly at bay; in the east they have cleared the Russians out of thirty thousand square miles of territory they had taken from the Austrians, and from the Russians they have taken twice as much more. We say the Germans have done this, because the Austrians have done some good fighting, had it not been for the Germans they had by now been overwhelmed, and it is likely the Russians and Italians had met in Vienna.

The allies have no success to balance this. Italy has made the best showing. The Italians have rolled the Austrians back from the line all around their border and made good progress toward Trieste. Considering the force at their command, they have not done much. Great Britain and France have done nothing but keep the Germans from advancing. Indeed, there is reason to believe that they have lost a little ground. At the Dardanelles, the allies have at the expense of thousands of lives, several ships and uncounted tons of ammunition gained enough ground for their camps on the Gallipoli peninsula. In the Caucasus and Armenia, the Russians have won some victories and driven the Turks back a considerable distance, but this success will have little weight comparatively with the general importance of the war.

For all this success Germany and Austria have paid a frightful price in life and treasure. At the least estimate, a million Teutons have been added to the dead and wounded since the first of May. The Russians have also lost heavily, principally in prisoners, but the other allies, except at the Dardanelles, have been able to treasure their men.

The world is now guessing what the Germans will do next. Will they push on eastward and try to paralyze Russia before winter sets in, will they strike southward and try to overrun Serbia, win Bulgaria to their aid and establish connection with Turkey, or will they make a grand effort in the west to capture Calais and gain control of the strait of Dover.

At present, the first seems to be the most hopeful plan. While the Teutons cannot hope to drive much further into Russia, if they can advance another hundred miles they will cut the lines of railway that connect the Black Sea ports with the north of the empire, and in that case even the capture of the Dardanelles will be offset.

If they move to the south, they will have to fight Serbia's veteran army in a most difficult country before they can make any appreciable advance. It is true Bulgaria may come to their assistance, which would be very awkward for Serbia and the other allies. But if Bulgaria joins the Teutons and Turks, Greece and Roumania, almost certainly, will enter the war on the other side.

As for breaking thru to Calais, the whole strength of both Great Britain and France will be exerted against this. The British and French are stronger than they ever have been in the west, and the Germans have made no appreciable advance there since the two armies settled into their trenches on that line last autumn. It is safe to believe that the Germans will have to do something undreamed of in warfare to break thru the line on the west. At the same time, it must be remembered that they have already done two or three things undreamed of.

As the Germans need to make a supersupreme effort to break thru to Calais, so the allies need to do almost as much to break thru to Constantinople. The Dardanelles have proved to be better fortified than anyone supposed, and the Turks have fought better. The Turks seem to have more men on the ground than the allies. In the number and quality of its soldiers the Turkish empire has been greatly underestimated. Unless Bulgaria joins the allies and moves an army on Constantinople, it may be doubted that the allies succeed in forcing the straits.

The little nation of Bulgaria at present holds the balance of power in

Europe. If the Bulgarians join the allies and attack the Turks, Constantinople must fall in a few weeks, and allied men and munitions will go pouring into Russia. Also Roumania would almost certainly join against the Teutons. If Bulgaria throws her sword into the other side of the scale, the Teutons will stand a good chance of breaking thru Serbia and the allies would have to retire from the Dardanelles. This might decide the war. At any rate, it would make it doubly hard for the allies to win, unless Greece and Roumania joined them. The both are more powerful nations than Bulgaria, the allies would probably rather have the help of Bulgaria than of both.

As long as the war goes on with its present combatants, in spite of Teuton victories, the allies more than hold their own. Vast Russia is not hurt in proportion to the damage she inflicts on her assailant. France is stronger than ever, and Britain grows stronger every day. Italy is not wasting her strength. The Teutonic allies are making a tremendous struggle, but they are doing it as a fearful cost, and unless they obtain more allies, or some of their enemies quit they must succumb in the end.

A thousand Texans watched a mob burn a negro at the stake and yet we sent the warships to Haiti.—Boston Transcript.

Did they ever burn a witch in Texas?—Greenville, (S. C.) News.

No, and they never burned one in Massachusetts. They hung several, however.

The eighth annual convention of the Atlantic Deep Waterways Association will be held in Savannah, November 9th to 12th. This will be a very important meeting for the commercial advancement of the whole Atlantic seaboard and delegates are expected to attend from every state from Maine to Florida. This part of Florida should be well represented.

That Pan-American plea to the leaders of Mexican factions to be good has gone forward, and they are to have a reasonable time to consider it. What will be done if they do not consider it, or if they do consider it and do not act upon it, it does not say. The people of Latin-America have given plenty of evidence in the last few weeks that they will not only not sympathize with but will resent any attempt of the United States to pacify Mexico by anything but "moral suasion."

S. A. Belcher, of Tallahassee, a member of the Dixie Highway Commission, seems to think that Florida consists of Tallahassee, Jacksonville and Miami and the roads between.

The Star is in great trouble. It's going to have to differ with the Lakeland Telegram about one senatorial candidate, with the Tampa Times about another and with the Punta Gorda Herald about a third.—Ocala Star.

Dear Brother Benjamin: Solve that problem instantly by joining us and going on to victory and glory under the standard of Perry Wall, business man.—Tampa Times.

Sorry to have to refuse to join the Times in anything, but the Star is under the standard of Nathan Bryan, statesman.

Not to butt in, but just for our own information—will the Star tell us where and wherein the United States constitution gives any more guidance for or reference to the business of conducting a city than that of a county, a township, a school district, a bank, a newspaper, or any other local business concern?—St. Petersburg Times.

You won't find any guidance for commission government in it, Straub. It is very evident that the men who framed it believed in representative government and believed the American people were committed to it for all time.

According to an announcement made yesterday by R. C. Wilder, secretary of the State Sunday School Association, Governor Trammell has agreed to issue a proclamation setting aside Sunday, October 3, as "Go to Sunday School Sunday." This movement is to be state-wide in its scope and will be the first big effort throughout Florida to increase Sunday school attendance.

Mr. C. F. Adams, manager of the Marion Farms, Saturday, left at the Star office a handful of cigars made from tobacco raised and cured at the farms. We submitted the "weeds" to an old and experienced smoker who pronounced them very good and said that if they had the scientific treatment in curing that other cigars have they would be as good as the

average. The Star thinks it is perfectly practical for every Florida farmer to raise and cure his own tobacco. With a little practice and the instruction that every agricultural paper should be able to give, a farmer should be as capable of making his own smokes and chews as his syrup.

ITS SOMETHING TO BE APPRECIATED

Mentioning the fact that a new company of citizen soldiers has been organized in Clearwater, the Ocala Star says that there is an excellent military organization in that town—but that it is not given much encouragement. "Ocala has a fine military company, which she allows to exist—she doesn't support it," the Star declares, and this seems a pity. The presence in any city of an organized body of troops, ready for any emergency, is something that should be appreciated. Of course the governor would send troops from other cities and towns if emergencies arose—but if there were a company in the place valuable time would be saved. Time is something worth a great deal—in case of fires and riots and unexpected uprisings.—Times-Union Short Talks.

MORE ABOUT MUSIC

Editor Star: We were wondering if the recent arrest of a certain German at Tallahassee, who most likely was collecting local color for a German opera, has caused the musical reminiscence in Ocala. We have heard that his score was a rather strange composition hitherto unheard, even in Mr. Smith's musical education. But we must agree with the Star's editor that correctly interpreted rag has a place in music, and the mutilation of classic music, especially by amateur performers, will strengthen this assertion. You may call it trash, but there must be something in music to have it sung, played and loved by the public. Altho the United States is only in its infancy from a grand opera standpoint, we notice in the European trenches they look for inspiration from "It's a Long Way to Tipperary," rather than the classics. It may be said many people shun German compositions because they can't play them. I concede this. But I maintain many shun ragtime for the self-same reason. We have all heard the performance of the long-haired individual who feels the call of the wild. His soul, crammed with the fires of musical passion, gets a flock of chromatics off his system that the original composer wouldn't recognize if he met them on the main street in the daylight. I am not a great virtuoso, past, present or future, but I have always ground out my humble part as best I could and jammed my humble intellect with what musical knowledge it would contain, and I cannot believe that German composers can run the French, English, Scottish, Polish and Italian composers off the map even as the Kaiser's army seems to drive the Russians. I do not believe, as some do, that to differ from me is the measure of absurdity, but respectfully submit this composition to the ordinary music loving public. The Germans, Beethoven, Mendelssohn, Schubert—against Rubenstein, Chopin, Liszt and, yes, even Foster and Remick's staff of trash writers. Music, like literature, may be divided into two general groups, classic and light. Would we be content to confine ourselves to classic literature alone? Wouldn't it be restful after the perusal of Schopenhauer's philosophies to surreptitiously fill up on "The Diamond from the Sky" in the Ocala Star? And so it is in music; after as mall dose of Vieuxtemps' Concerto Op. 10 E. Maj., we use about a year of "Balling the Jack" to rest up on. D. E. Melin.

Sealed proposals will be received by the city council of Ocala, Florida, at the office of the city clerk, for the construction of a sanitary sewerage system, until September 14th, 1916, at which time they will be opened and read publicly. The work includes the furnishing of all labor, material and machinery, and equipment of every kind necessary to construct the above work according to plans and specifications. The approximate quantities are as follows:

578'-8" sewer pipe.
101315'-8" sewer pipe.
8145'-10" sewer pipe.
2215'-12" sewer pipe.
3480'-15" sewer pipe.
260'-18" sewer pipe.
237—Manholes.
51—Automatic Flush Tanks.
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Each bid must be accompanied by a certified check on any state or national bank of Florida, or on a national bank of any other state for 5 per cent of the amount bid, drawn to the order of the president of the council, J. M. Meffert.

The bonds have been sold, and payments for work will be made in cash. It is the desire of the city council to let the contract as a whole to one contractor, but they reserve the right to segregate and let in sections if it be to the best interests of the city. Plans and specifications may be seen at the office of the city clerk or the engineers. Bidding blanks may be obtained from the engineers or city clerk. Copies of plans and specifications may be obtained from the engineers at \$5 per set to cover their actual cost.

The right is reserved to reject any and all bids.
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American Possessions.
The "possessions" of the United States are as follows: Alaska, purchased from Russia in 1867, price, \$7,200,000, area, 580,000 square miles; the Hawaiian Islands, annexed by the request of the inhabitants in 1898, area, 6,449 square miles; Porto Rico, area, 3,696 square miles; Guam, area, 210 square miles, and the Philippine Islands, area, 115,026 square miles, ceded by Spain in the treaties of 1898 and 1900 on payment of \$20,000,000; American Samoa, area, 77 square miles, acquired without money payment in 1899, and the Panama canal zone, which is not actually owned by the United States, but to which the country in consideration of the payment to the Republic of Panama of \$10,000,000 and in addition an annual "rental" of \$250,000 has acquired perpetual right of occupation, use and control. The canal zone is ten miles wide, and its area is 436 square miles. No payment was made for the territory of Hawaii, but the United States assumed the public debt of that country to the amount of \$4,000,000.

He Understood His Profession.
The professor of jurisprudence in a western university was lecturing to a hundred embryo lawyers. He asked whether every one in America could own property. One fellow answered, "No; a criminal can't own property."

But the professor said: "Suppose a man owns a ranch, gets into trouble with his neighbor, assaults him and is put into the penitentiary. Does he still own the ranch?"

The class was unanimous that he did.

"If he did not continue to own it," went on the professor, "what would become of it?"

That was supposed to settle the discussion, but one boy called out, "The lawyer would get it."

There was a hearty laugh, of course, and the professor added:

"We learn two things from that apt remark—a lawyer, and don't be a criminal."—Youth's Companion.

Neuralgia.
Severe neuralgia can be cured by injecting alcohol into the nerves, but the cost is terrible, for the price is the death of the nerve, with paralysis as the result. Such, in brief, is the conclusion which Dr. Williams B. Cadwalader reports to the Journal of the American Medical association after experiments made at the laboratory of neuropathology of the University of Pennsylvania. The alcohol kills not only the nerves of sensation, but the motor nerves as well. In a nerve like the sciatic this would be serious. For the nerve may remain paralyzed for a year after the injection of the alcohol. In trifacial neuralgia, which is caused by a purely sensory nerve, this action is of little importance. The cure is not permanent, however, but affords freedom from pain for several months, perhaps as much as a year. The nerves regenerate just as they do when severed.

A Traveling Opinion.
Mr. Fazakerly, an eminent counsel, was once stopped by a country gentleman, a neighbor, who asked him about some point then very important to him and got the opinion verbally.

Some time after the gentleman called on the counsel and said he had lost \$500 by his advice, as it was a wrong opinion. The counsel said he had never given an opinion and, turning to his books, said he was confident of that. Being reminded that it was given during a drive the neighbors had one summer's day near Preston, the lawyer replied: "Oh, I remember now! But that was only my traveling opinion, and, to tell the truth, neighbor, my opinion is never to be relied upon unless the case appears in my fee book."—Case and Comment.

Wood Screws.
Of the many varieties of screws that known as the wood screw (from their exclusive use in wood) is the most common, and it has been made by machinery for many years. At first such screws had blunt points, and therefore it was necessary to bore a hole for their reception, but about 1850 Thomas J. Sloan, a native of the United States, devised the well known gimlet pointed screw and machinery for its manufacture.

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The Game of Golf.
Farmer Barnes—There's one good thing about golf anyhow. Farmer Fallow (skeptically)—What's that? Farmer Barnes—Why, ye don't have to play it if ye don't want to.—London Scraps.

A Possible Solution.
"How can a man be as stupid as that fellow and live?"
"Some of the men at the club have a theory that he was raised on a vacuum bottle."—Judge.

The Reason.
"I say, why did you name that dog of yours Gospel?"
"Because he's such a backbiter."—Baltimore American.

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Lena Tompkins, M. E. C.
Kate E. Howell, M. R.

KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS

Ocala Lodge No. 19. Conventions held every Monday at 8 p. m., at Castle Hall, over the James Carlisle drugstore. A cordial welcome to visiting brothers. C. B. Howell, C. C. Chas. K. Sage, K. of R. S. Ad

CHAPTER NO. 13, R. A. M.

Regular convocations of the Ocala Chapter No. 13, R. A. M., on the fourth Friday in every month at 8 p. m. H. S. Wesson, H. P. Jake Brown, Secretary.

OCALA LODGE NO. 286, B. P. O. E.


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